UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 1 2 TIMOTHY M. CRAWLEY **Applicant** 3 Serial No. 10/797,766 4 March 10, 2004 Filed 5 METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR For REPLACING GRIPPING MEMBER ON 6 WIRE BUCKET HANDLE 7 **DECLARATION VERIFYING SMALL ENTITY STATUS** 8 UNDER 27 C.F.R. 19(f) AND 1.27(b) 9 Asst. Commissioner of Patents 10 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 11 12 Dear Sir: As a named inventor, I hereby state that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 13 C.F.R. 1.9 (c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under § 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the 14 Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-identified patent. 15 16 I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights the invention to any person who could not be classified as 17 an independent inventor under 27 C.F.R. 1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which 18 would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 C.F.R. 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 C.F.R. 19 1.9 (e). Any person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the invention is identified 20 below: 21 22 23 I hereby certify that this correspondence is being 24 deposited with the United States Postal Service as: CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 70630500000153221070 25 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED in an envelope addressed to: Attn. Applications, 26 ASST. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, PO Box 1450 Alexandra, VA 22318

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my attorney and with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Wherefor I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discover described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, and I hereby subscribe my name to the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, this petition.

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